

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE RESOLUTION 2

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Referred to: Calendar 1-31-13.

January 31, 2013

1 A HOUSE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF WILLIAM L.
2 WAINWRIGHT, FORMER MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

3 Whereas, William L. Wainwright was born in Somerville, Tennessee, on October
4 19, 1947, to James and Daisy Mae Montgomery Wainwright; and

5 Whereas, William L. Wainwright graduated from Manassas High School in 1965
6 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business from Memphis State University in 1970;
7 and

8 Whereas, William L. Wainwright was ordained as a minister in the African
9 Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church in 1976 and served as pastor of the Piney Grove
10 AME Zion Church from 1985 to 1993 and later as pastor of Morris Chapel AME Zion; and

11 Whereas, William L. Wainwright was appointed as the Presiding Elder of the New
12 Bern District Conference of the AME Zion Church in 1993; and

13 Whereas, William L. Wainwright served 11 terms in the North Carolina House of
14 Representatives from 1991 to 2012; and

15 Whereas, Representative Wainwright made significant contributions during his
16 tenure in the General Assembly, serving as Chair of Finance; Vice-Chair of Marine Resources
17 and Aquaculture; as a member of Appropriations, Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital,
18 Commerce and Job Development, Financial Institutions, Health and Human Services,
19 Homeland Security, Military, and Veterans Affairs, and Insurance; and as Speaker Pro
20 Tempore from 2007 to 2010 and Deputy Minority Leader from 2011 to 2012; and

21 Whereas, William L. Wainwright was active in his community, serving as a member
22 of the Carteret County Head Start Program, where he was Chair of Program Policy, the Craven
23 County Board of Aging, Craven County Voters League, and a Trustee at Livingstone College;
24 and

25 Whereas, William L. Wainwright also served on the Publishing House Board of the
26 AME Zion Church, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Board of Visitors Institute
27 of Marine Science, and the North Carolina Council of Churches; and

28 Whereas, William L. Wainwright was honored with the Carven County Democratic
29 Party Leadership Award in 2008; and

30 Whereas, William L. Wainwright died on July 17, 2012, at the age of 64; and

31 Whereas, William L. Wainwright is survived by his wife, Nancy Wainwright; five
32 daughters, Bridget Wainwright Grant, Kimberly Wainwright, Krystal Wainwright Raing,
33 Ashley Simons, and Crystal Brooks; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister,
34 Virginia Anderson; and two brothers, James Wainwright and Otis Wainwright; and



1 Whereas, the members of the House of Representatives mourn the loss of William
2 L. Wainwright; Now, therefore,

3 Be it resolved by the House of Representatives:

4 **SECTION 1.** The House of Representatives honors the memory of Representative
5 William L. Wainwright and expresses its appreciation for the public service he rendered to his
6 community and this State.

7 **SECTION 2.** The House of Representatives extends its sympathy to the family of
8 William L. Wainwright for the loss of a beloved family member.

9 **SECTION 3.** The Principal Clerk shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution
10 to the family of William L. Wainwright.

11 **SECTION 4.** This resolution is effective upon adoption.